(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) the extent to which it would help in improving the maternal and child health care and also in reducing the mortality rate across the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Government have approved setting up of six AIIMS-like institutions in the states of Bihar (Patna), Chhattisgarh (Raipur), Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal), Orissa (Bhubaneshwar), Rajasthan (Jodhpur) and Uttaranchal (Rishikesh), under PMSSY Scheme. Each institution would have 850 bedded Hospital and facilities for an intake capacity of 100 Under Graduates per year and a similar number of seats in Post Graduate/Post Doctoral courses. The estimated cost for setting up each institute is Rs 332 Crores based on current CPWD plinth area rates.

(d) The building up of capacity in tertiary healthcare, medical education and research in the deficient regions of the country would help provide trained manpower and improve accessibility of quality health care to the people. It will also provide the necessary referral linkage between primary, secondary and tertiary level care facilities and a leadership role to the CHCs/District Hospitals of the region. The setting up the these AIIMS like institutions would therefore help build capacity of the Primary Health care delivery system for improved quality of maternal and child health care services.

Availability of doctors in the health sector

510. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of doctors in Government system (Centre & State) of health care and how has this changed over the last 5 years;

(b) what is the satisfaction level of patients with the quality of services received by them in Government dispensaries and hospitals; and

(c) whether funding to States under central schemes is linked to the above satisfaction index and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) According to the Health Information of India 2005, the total number of Government doctors were 76, 925 as against 45, 199 in 2001.

(b) and (c) Funding under Central Schemes is basically towards Central Government hospitals and dispensaries based on their assessed requirement and resoruce availability. No specific study has been undertaken for assessing the satisfaction level of patients in response to quality of services. However, the fact remains that all Central Government hospitals and dispensaries have very high turnover both in respect of extending inpatient and outpatient services.

Ban on advertisement of colas

†511. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban advertisements of soft drinks on the lines of ban on advertisements of wine and cigarettes;

(b) if so, the final conclusion of Government regarding effect of such soft drinks on health due to their consumption; and

(c) whether foreign soft drinks manufacturing companies have submitted any facts before Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration under PFA Rules, 1955.

(b) and (c) the soft drinks confirming to the standards of carbonated water as laid down under PFA Rules, 1995 are safe for human consumption.

WHO programme on spurious drugs

512. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in an attempt to tackle the menace of fake life saving

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.